

general...source of General Funds. I'm sure we all agree that we do not wish to do that. The amendment to the amendment does this, the amendment that you have before you, it will be there pretty soon, I just am having it copied, does this, it provides for a one-half percent of the revenues raised from telephonic wagering to be transferred to the Racing Commission to provide for the costs of administration. It also provides a \$3,000 annual license fee for each location. I've been told that we do not need a \$3,000 fee to raise the necessary funds for the administration of this program. And I think that it is fiscally responsible then that we strike that portion of the amendment. The amendment which will be delivered to your desks contains two items, a one-half percent tax upon all of the funds raised from telephonic wagering, and a \$3,000 annual fee upon each location. The amendment which I am offering to the amendment will strike the \$3,000 annual fee for each location and leave in the amendment the one-half percent telephonic wagering. I will be glad to answer any questions which you might have. If there are no questions, then I would move for the adoption of the amendment. And thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore, on the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support Senator Schmit's amendments. Even with...if you strike the \$3,000 fee for each individual outlet, even with the half percent increase in the telephonic wagering, you do generate enough cash to make the bill work. Obviously, though it does not appear in the agenda, it's my understanding 718A will come up next after this bill. And without the adoption of at least the amended version of the Schmit amendment, as Senator Schmit had mentioned, since the Racing Commission, in recent years, is in declining gate attendance, their cash fund situation and their cash flow situation is not such that they can make this new service work. The Schmit amendment, with the half...with just the half percent on telephonic wagering will generate additional funds, and the corresponding amendments and the A bill will grant the cash fund authority to make 718 work, and make the policy of having telephonic wagering...it will allow it to become...come into being in the State of Nebraska, and also the bill will then generate...should generate sufficient funds in and of itself to pay for itself, there should be no General Fund impact. And so, with that, I'd ask for adoption of the amendment to the amendment striking the unnecessary \$3,000